

STOGURSEY NEWS

STOGURSEY ARTS FESTIVAL



15TH – 19TH OCTOBER

**FIVE DAYS OF CREATIVITY
IN THE HEART OF STOGURSEY**

-  Exhibitions
-  Live Events
-  Parade
-  Rare Clocks
-  Music
-  Art
-  Film
-  Poetry
-  Flowers
-  BSL Taster
-  Refreshments







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October 2026

Deadline for **NOVEMBER 2026** contributions: 10.00am **Thursday 15th October 2026**

Editorial

Welcome to our October edition. The cover of our magazine gives a wonderful flavour of the upcoming festival; there is detailed information within of the events, dates, times and venues of all the activities on offer. Looks like plenty for everyone to see and do.

If you have some spare time, you may want to volunteer to help with the running of the Victory Hall. A number of people are stepping down so the vacancies detailed within are now available.

Look out for the photographic exhibition, "Village Life" which may be of interest whether you are new to the village or someone who has lived here for a long time.

The free drop-in IT support in Nether Stowey library could be just what you need if you struggle with aspects of our increasingly complex modern world! See inside.

There is encouraging news from our village Primary School, and the new pupils seem to have settled in well. We wish them a happy and successful new term.

Hinkley C news continues to be positive and includes the offer of a free CV writing workshop that will be of much use to anyone in the process of applying for jobs at the moment.

We wish you well this month.

Editorial Team

Stogursey-Online.uk

This is the parish website. It hosts pages for events, societies, community links and Parish Council news. You can post local upcoming events on the parish website www.stogursey-online.uk

Stogursey News is posted every month on the website - useful if the delivery of your paper copy is delayed.

Stogursey News

This is an independent voluntary initiative. It is printed free of charge as a contribution to the community by Hinkley Point B (EdF).

The News offers extra pages monthly for the use of Hinkley Point C (EdF) to keep local residents well-informed.

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for contributing to Stogursey News

- * Prepare your contribution as a straightforward text document (no boxes, no tables and not pdfs please)
- * Attach it to an email, and send to:
stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

A few more points to remember:

- Please submit by the deadline date published at the top of this page.
- Please keep within a 500-word limit.
- Stogursey News Team reserves the right to edit contributions for length, and for space available.
- Your contribution will be published in our standardised font colour, style and size. *(We do not print colour, or A4, posters).*
- Send your contribution for each and every month that you would like it published.
- If you include an illustration, it must be copyright free. *(Stogursey News will not be liable for costs resulting from prosecution if this condition is ignored.)*

We look forward to receiving your contributions,

Thank you

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Regular Events			
Monday	*60+ Rehabilitation Fitness Class (weekly) *Spinal Mobility, Balance & Strength Class (weekly) Health Walks - Level One (weekly) <i>Contact: Steve on 07747 127334</i> Stogursey Sings! 2nd & 4th Mondays of month)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Steart Marshes Car Park Victory Hall	9.30am - 10.40am 11.00am - 12 noon 10.00am 7.00pm - 8.30pm
Tuesday	*Core Stability - Pilates-based (weekly) Tai Chi Shibashi for over-50s (weekly) <i>(Contact AgeUK 01823 345 624)</i> Stogursey Lunches (weekly, except 1st Tues of month) Bingo (weekly) Parish Council Meeting (2nd Tuesday of month) Meditation (1st & 3rd Tuesday of month) Short Mat Bowls (weekly) <i>Contact: Allan 01278 732820 / rosechalk@icloud.com</i> Quantock Tennis Club (1st Tuesday of month)	Victory Hall Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms St Audries Centre Victory Hall St Andrew's Church, Lilstock Victory Hall Multi-sport court, V.Hall	9.00am - 10.00am 10.30am Doors Open 12 noon Eyes Down 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.15pm 7.30pm - 9.00pm 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday	Forget-Me-Not Café (alternate Wednesdays) Knit & Natter (alternate Wednesdays) Ukulele Sessions (alternate Wednesdays) Sea Shanty Singers (alternate Wednesdays)	Jubilee Rooms Jubilee Rooms Greyhound Inn To be arranged	10.30am - 12 noon as advertised within 7.30pm - 9.30pm 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday	Health Walks - Level Two (weekly) <i>Contact - https://www.sasp.co.uk/health-walks</i> Mobile Library visit (once every four weeks) Youth Club (weekly) Stogursey Arts Photographic Society (SAPS) <i>(2nd Thurs of month. Contact 5 St Andrews Rd, Stogursey)</i>	Steart Marshes Car Park Shurton & Stogursey Youth Club Various locations	10.00am as per schedule 6.30pm - 8.30pm 7.00pm
Friday	Toddler & Baby Group (term-time only) Friday Social Café (weekly) Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) <i>Contact John Nicholson 01278 732711 / j0hnfn1c@gmail.com</i>	Victory Hall Jubilee Rooms Multi-sport court, Victory Hall	9.30am - 11.30am 10.00am - 12 noon 10.00am - 12 noon
Sunday	Quantock Tennis Club (weekly) Stogursey Lace Group (fortnightly) <i>Contact Linda: labond222@gmail.com</i>	Multi-sport court, V Hall Victory Hall	10.00am - 12 noon 1.00 - 3.00pm

* Contact siancocks@btinternet.com / 01278 652411

OCTOBER

Thursday 1	Mobile Library visit	As per schedule	As per schedule
Friday 2	Quiz Night 'Octoberfest'	Victory Hall	Doors Open 7.00pm
Saturday 3	Wrington Joyful Choir	Victory Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 7	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Sunday 11	Roast Lunch	Victory Hall	12 noon - 2.00pm
Monday 12	Victory Hall AGM	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Tuesday 13	Parish Council Meeting	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday 14	Strummers of Stogursey (Ukulele session)	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm
Thursday 15	Arts Festival starts - see details within	Details within	Details within
Wednesday 21	Forget-me-not Café	Jubilee Rooms	10.30am - 12 noon
Friday 23	"Village Life" photo exhibition opens	Victory Hall	7.00pm
Monday 26	Stogursey Sings	Victory Hall	7.00pm - 8.30pm
Wednesday 28	Strummers of Stogursey	Greyhound Inn	7.30pm pm
Saturday 31	Halloween party	Victory Hall	7.00pm - 10.00pm

Please send contributions to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA for Quantock Gate Parishes

CHURCH	4 th October Trinity 18	11 th October Trinity 19	18 th October St Luke	26 th October Bible Sunday
Cannington St Mary	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion	8.00 & 9.30am Holy Communion 3.00pm Deanery Evensong
Combwich St Peter	11.15am HARVEST FESTIVAL	6.00pm Prayer & Praise	11.15am Holy Communion	
Fiddington St Martin	11.45am HARVEST FESTIVAL	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Holy Communion	9.00am Family Service
Steart St Andrew		11.15am Family Service		11.15am Holy Communion
Stogursey St Andrew	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL	10.30am Holy Communion	10.30am Café Church* (in Jubilee Rms)
	Green	Green	Red	Green

* Tea/coffee and breakfast served.

Tinned and packet food for those in need gratefully received at each Harvest Festival.

Quantock Deanery Evensong

with Very Revd Toby Wright, Dean of Wells and The Deanery Singers

3pm Sunday 26th October at St Mary the Virgin Church, Cannington

Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church
Thursdays	9.00am	Prayer Meeting	Combwich, St Peter's Church
Fridays	9.00am	Holy Communion	Cannington, St Mary the Virgin Church

Babes and Tots Play Group

Tuesdays (termtime) 9.00-11.30am Cannington Village Hall

Coffee Mornings

Thursdays	10.00am	Cannington Church
Fridays	10.30am	Jubilee Rooms, Stogursey

Bellringing

Tuesdays	7.30pm	Cannington Church
Wednesdays	7.00pm	Stogursey Church (1 st Wed) / Fiddington Church (2 nd -5 th Wed)
Fridays	7.00pm	Combwich Church (1 st and 3 rd Fri)

Do be in touch if you would like to marry in one of the churches, or to arrange a baptism,
or if there is anything else we can help with.

Revd Alison Waters, Rector & Revd Jan Church, Associate Priest

01278 652953 / cannington.benefice@gmail.com

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Quiz Night at Stogursey Victory Hall for the National Kidney Federation.

A grand total of £2350.00 was raised.

Thank you to all those that gave raffle prizes, donations, and helped on the night.

I could not do without you xx

Thanks again

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

September Draw 2026

1 st Prize	£25.00	Jo Cavill	No. 160
2 nd Prize	£15.00	Allan Searle	No. 16
3 rd Prize	£10.00	John Baker	No. 53

IT'S GOOD NEWS WEEK for Stogursey Village Hall

Firstly, we have just received a defibrillator and cabinet from the British Heart Foundation.

It will shortly be installed outside the front doors.

Secondly, we are in talks with Somerset Community Foundation for training/mentoring new and existing members/trustees of the committee. This will be helpful and exciting for everyone.



Stogursey Allotments

As October falls the allotment is changing rapidly. Much has been cleared: bean seeds harvested ready for next year's sowing, potatoes ferreted out of the ground and the fresh earth is ready for well-rotted manure to be dug in. Some crops still remain . . . sprouts, after a heavy battering from cabbage white butterflies in the summer, are forming on the stem, and hopefully Christmas will see at least a handful of traditional veg. The butternut squash, meanwhile, has been a real success this year! Baking hot summer and dedicated watering has yielded a plentiful harvest, and it is time to gather these squashes and store them ready for wintry roasts and flavoursome soups; onions, already dried off and forming a colourful feature in the spare room, were also a thrilling success and will add flavour to the pot.

October sunshine casts long shadows across the plot as the evenings get shorter and time to potter about is squeezed: best hang up the spade for the day and head home for a baked spud!

WRINGTON JOYFUL CHOIR in Concert

Stogursey Village Hall,
SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER at 7.30pm

Music to suit all tastes from POP to ROCK
and everything in between!

Programme includes "Amazing Grace, Proud Mary, I go to the Rock, You lift me higher"

Pay at the door (Cash/Card Reader) £10 per person -
£5 for under 16's

BAR OPEN FROM 6.30PM

ROAST LUNCH

Being served at Stogursey Victory Hall
on **Sunday 11th October**

Between 12.00 - 2.00pm

1 course: £12.50

2 courses: £17.50

Vegetarian & Children's menus available on request

Please contact Denise Oliver on 07453 381844

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU

It is with great regret that I, Heather Ranson, am resigning as chairperson, trustee and committee member as of the AGM. I have ongoing health issues which means that I cannot give 100% to the hall.

The past 2 years has been great to see the hall building up the support of the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support.

It is with regret that Sue Hocking is standing down as Vice chairperson, but she will be staying on the committee. Thank you Sue for your hard work.

Also, our Treasurer Joanne Cavill is resigning after 3 years of very hard work doing our accounts and gaining us grants to keep the hall going. This is a great loss to the hall. Good luck Jo.

We now need the following:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Booking Secretary/ Media Person
- Trustees
- Committee Members

If you can spare your time in anyway please contact
Heather Ranson on 07968799312 or
Email heatherranson124@btinternet.com

STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL : AGM

will be held on
Monday 12th October
7.00pm start

We are desperately looking for new committee members
- so if you have the time to help, please come along.

New members, New ideas

YOUR VICTORY HALL NEEDS YOU!

Victory Hall News

Hi Everyone!

We hope you are well, and we're looking forward to seeing you all soon!

The hall has had a busy few weeks with lots of birthday parties, private training days plus the regular faithful Bowls Group. The Bowls Group meet every Tuesday evening: everyone is warmly invited. In September we re-launched the monthly quiz night which was a great event raising money for The National Kidney Federation.

OCTOBER EVENTS:

Friday 2nd - Quiz Night Octoberfest.

Doors open at 7.00pm, starts 7.30pm

£2 per person, teams up to max of 6 persons.

Bar open from 7.00pm. Raffle.

We will be serving hot dogs during the break at £2 each

Always a good fun evening..

Sunday 11th - Sunday Lunch
(See separate poster for details.)

Monday 12th Stogursey Victory Hall AGM 7.00pm.
Everyone welcome.

Monday 26th - Stogursey Sings:
7.00-8.30pm Donation £2.50
Everyone welcome.

Saturday 31st - Family Halloween Party (FREE!)
7.00-10.00pm. Bar open. Fancy Dress optional.
Bring a plate of food to share.

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

Friday 6th - Quiz Night

Sunday 8th - Sunday Lunch

Monday 9th - Stogursey Sings

Monday 23rd - Stogursey Sings

Saturday 28th - Christmas Market

DECEMBER EVENTS:

Friday 4th - Christmas Bingo

Sunday 6th - Christmas Lunch

Sunday 13th - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 31st - New Year's Eve Party.

Strummers of Stogursey

The friendliest Ukulele group in the South West invites you to join us for a strum and a song or two on a Wednesday evening in the back room at the Greyhound. No previous experience required, Ukuleles and Percussion items always available. Just bring yourself - and a smile. Every second Wednesday, 7.30 pm.
October sessions: 14th and 28th.

Any questions?

lanelenor@gmail.com

Rose.palmer280@gmail.com (075833 33147)

Open Evening

Showing in the Victory Hall

**a photographic collection of
our 'Village Life'**

All Welcome

Friday 23rd October 7pm

An opportunity to see photographs, depicting life in our village, as seen through the eyes of our local photographers, the SAPS.

The photographs tell the story of village events over the past four years, as well as the beautiful environment in which our village/parish is located, between the Quantocks and the Bristol Channel.

In addition to the prints on display, there will be some recent additions and some historical images to view, as well as an opportunity to see the extended collection of photos that are available on our website.

<https://www.stogurseyphotos.org.uk>

Come and meet the team of photographers and others who have helped to support the project. You will be able to ask questions and find out our plans for what we want to do next.

The Bar opens at 7pm

Also: on the evening of the 19th October in the Jubilee Rooms, four years on from the first meeting of the SAPS, the Stogursey Arts Festival team will be concluding celebrations with an illustrated talk by Artist/Photographer Professor Jamie Hobson, formerly principal lecturer at the University of the Arts London. See Festival Programme for more details.

STOGURSEY ARTS FESTIVAL



15TH – 19TH
OCTOBER
2026

ARTS • CREATIVITY • COMMUNITY

EXHIBITIONS OPEN THROUGHOUT ALL FIVE DAYS

Across St Andrew's Church, Victory Hall & Jubilee Rooms

Opening times vary — see program & website for full details



**PEGGY ELENOR
RETROSPECTIVE
EXHIBITION**
in the Jubilee Rooms



**FLOWER FESTIVAL &
ARTISANS EXHIBITION**
in St Andrew's Church



**ARTS & CRAFTS
EXHIBITION**
in the Victory Hall

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE ...

THURSDAY
15TH
OCTOBER



PARADE

5.30pm from Stogursey Primary School
Marching down to St Andrew's Church
Followed by free drinks & nibbles for children in the church



FESTIVAL OPENING

Peggy Elenor Retrospective in the Jubilee Rooms from 8pm
a donations bar and home made snacks

FRIDAY
16TH
OCTOBER



IN CONVERSATION WITH LOCAL 'ARTISTS'

with Daniel Barnett (*My BigFoot Life*)
and director Naomi Rose-Mocke
Victory Hall, Stogursey • From 7.30pm • Doors open 7pm
An evening of stories, creativity and film

SATURDAY
17TH
OCTOBER



STARS OF STOGURSEY

Children & Young People Talent Showcase
Hosted by Naomi Rose-Mocke, *director of over 150 productions*
Victory Hall, Stogursey • 5–6.30pm



GALA EVENING

Victory Hall, Stogursey • From 7.30pm • Doors Open 7pm
Live music, words and village talent

SUNDAY
18TH
OCTOBER



ART & CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

Victory Hall • 2–4pm

MONDAY
19TH
OCTOBER



ILLUSTRATED PHOTOGRAPHIC TALK

Professor Jamie Hobson
Jubilee Rooms • From 7.30pm

AND OF COURSE ... MUCH MORE!! (SEE PROGRAM & WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS)



All events
Free
Refreshments
and/or BAR
available in
most venues



See here for
Complete Program of events



www.stogurseyarts.co.uk/festival

**Somerset
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INVITATION TO EXHIBIT YOUR WORK AT THE 2026 STOGURSEY ARTS FESTIVAL

Have you produced your own work of art in one of our subsidised Arts Workshops?
We'd love to see it!

Are you a local artist who would welcome the opportunity to exhibit your work?

Contact us at stogurseyartstrust@gmail.com
to check details and reserve a space in the Stogursey Victory Hall for the arts exhibitions from
Friday 16th October (set up 12.00 – 14.00) until **Monday 19th October** (clear up from 16.00).

Please send contributions for publication to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com



Come along and join us at
STOGURSEY VICTORY HALL

for a

Halloween Family Party

7.00pm - 10.00pm
on **Saturday 31st October**

A free night for all
BAR OPEN

Fancy dress optional
Bring a plate to share



Holford Gardeners' Group

October 15th Westonbirt Arboretum Visit

Holford Gardeners Group have arranged an outing by coach to Westonbirt Arboretum, on Thursday 15th October, leaving Holford at 9am. A few seats remain! Only £20, (plus £5 membership).

Created almost 200 years ago by Robert Staynor Holford, laid out within a picturesque landscape, the Arboretum contains 2,500 different types of tree and shrub, and 5 national collections. Other attractions include: a treetop walkway, Autumn trails and a Haiku exhibition to inspire. Enjoy spectacular colour and scent. A mobility shuttle bus operates, and scooters are available. Then food and shopping to enjoy.

To book your place please email:-
holfordgardeners@yahoo.com

November 17th - AGM followed by a talk on Otters and Water Voles. Nicole Turnbull and Alice Beany from the Wetland Trust will be the guest speakers.

December 15th - Myra Cox will be giving a demonstration on Christmas house displays. Come and join in with mulled wine and mince pies.

All talks at Holford Village Hall at 7.30pm,
everyone welcome.

Type 1 Diabetes Peer Support Group

Recently in Stogursey News the Quantock Medical Centre supplied useful information about a Diabetes Support Group meeting monthly in Taunton.

Just to say that a similar group is open to those living in Bridgwater and all surrounding villages and is Supported by Diabetes UK: Meeting monthly at the Activity Warehouse, 5 East Quay, TA6 4DB at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday every month. All welcome including partners & parents.

[facebook.com/Justmytype.diabetes](https://www.facebook.com/Justmytype.diabetes)
Justmytype.diabetesgroup@gmail.com



Free Drop-in IT Support Sessions at the Library

Perhaps you know the basics but would like to know more . . .

Having trouble with your smartphone? Need help setting up an email account? Or guidance to using online services?

Our knowledgeable volunteers are here to assist you. No appointment. Just turn up!

Come along to our FREE workshops on the first Wednesday of every month (10.30 to 12.00) and be enlightened and reassured!

Delivered in partnership with Spark IT, these relaxed and welcoming sessions are open to everyone, regardless of skill level. Bring questions, devices, curiosity and we'll do our best to help you.

Come along, learn something new and take your next step with tech!

Winter Feast

at the Jubilee Rooms
Friday 20th November at 6.30pm

Vegetarian and gluten-free options available.

Tickets from rosechalk@icloud.com / 07565 149966
or on sale at the Social Café and St Andrew's Church.

£12 per head. Includes a complimentary drink on arrival.

*with highlights from Chris Bult's
eclectic antique collection*

JR Garden & Pond Maintenance

General Garden Maintenance
Pond & Filter Cleaning

Stogursey & surrounding areas

Jan & Russ

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Email: jr.gardens26@gmail.com

Peggy Elenor Retrospective

Display of Peggy's pictures and sculptures
Jubilee Rooms

Thursday 15th - Monday 19th October

Community Parish Council Newsletter

The next Parish Council meeting is **Tuesday 13**

October - 7.00pm - Stogursey Victory Hall

Do you have a useful skill, or spare time, to help with:

- Occasional maintenance jobs and repairs around the parish,
- Strimming and clearing along footpaths, and
- Occasional IT / software help.

We would like to hear how you can help.

Playground vandalism:

please help us protect the area

Last month, rubbish was dumped and scattered at Burgage Road Playground. This month, the safety mat beneath the zip wire has been removed. This is the fourth play item to have been vandalised. A swivel or gaming chair was also abandoned at the site which vandals subsequently destroyed.

Please report any damage or if you witness vandalism please contact the Clerk in order that we can make the area safe. Perpetrators will be reported to the police, and appropriate action will be taken

Actions taken around the parish during August

1. Replacement Notice Boards

Four new notice boards are on order and will be installed at Shurton, Burton, Wick and Stogursey. by the end of October.

2. New Power Supply for the Gravel

An updated electricity supply is to be installed at the Gravel, replacing the existing older unit and bringing it into line with current regulations.

3. Defibrillators

The defibrillator at Stogursey Motors has received a replacement battery, which is expected to last at least three years. In addition, a new defibrillator has recently been installed at Stogursey Victory Hall.

If you notice a defibrillator showing a red light at the top right, please report it to the Clerk. A green light means the unit is functioning properly.

4. Land transfer at Paddons Farm

Contracts have been sent from Stogursey PC solicitors to Strongvox solicitors ready to exchange. This is taking time and once we receive notice that the land transfer documents are ready to exchange, work will begin at clearing the land.

5. New Solar Panel & Speed Watch Team

The Parish Council agreed to replace the battery unit at Priory Hill with a solar panel, reducing charging time and staff hours. This has now been delivered and will be installed as soon as possible. During August, the data, shown below, was recorded.

Most vehicles were recorded travelling between 20 and 40 mph. While the majority of drivers remain within the speed limit, a small number of excessive speeds were recorded across the parish. The Parish Council is exploring a Community Speed watch initiative to help monitor speeding.

Please contact the clerk if you can help.

Creativity that brings the community together

Stogursey Parish Council has nominated Stogursey Arts Trust for a Somerset Council award in recognition of its outstanding service to the community. The charity brings people of all ages together, helping them develop creative skills and strengthen local connections. Their activities include workshops and exhibitions, music, performance, painting, photography. crafts and annual arts festival.

Recycling update: fridges and freezers

Somerset Council and its recycling-site operator, Biffa, have extended the one-appliance-per-household limit for fridges, freezers, and other cooling appliances at Somerset's 16 recycling centres throughout September. Residents are asked to delay taking appliances to recycling sites if they can be stored safely.

Please remember to report a problem on Somerset Council's website www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-on-the-road/

The more parishioners report faults directly to Somerset Council, the easier it is for them to identify what needs attention.

Hinkley Point Forum Meetings

Forum meetings are open for anyone to attend.

The next meeting is:

Main Site Forum - 6.00pm

Thursday 15 October

Lecture Hall, Bridgwater & Taunton College, Cannington

Location	Inbound	Outbound	Highest recorded
Stogursey Tower Hill	10,642	11,659	86mph
Stogursey Priory Hill	11,108	12,359	74mph
Shurton	2,163	2,697	83mph



Stogursey CofE Primary and Pre-School



Executive Headteacher: Mrs Rood

Tel: 01278 732389

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website: <http://www.stogurseyprimaryschool.co.uk>

'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge'

It has been a real pleasure to welcome our pupils back to school following the summer holidays and to greet the new families who have joined our school community. The new academic year has begun with great enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such positivity, confidence and eagerness to learn. They have settled quickly into school life and are already demonstrating the values that make our school such a special place.

This year has also seen the introduction of new class names. Our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils are now part of Hedgehog Class, while our Key Stage 2 pupils belong to Dragonfly Class. The children have embraced their new class identities with excitement and pride, and the names reflect the unique character and natural beauty of the area in which we are fortunate to live and learn.

Our Christian value this half term is Generosity. Through worship, reflection and daily learning, we will be exploring what it means to live generously, not only through acts of giving, but also through kindness, encouragement, forgiveness and service to others. We will be considering how each of us can make a positive difference within our school, our church and the wider Stogursey community. Across the school, pupils have embraced their learning with enthusiasm and purpose. We have been particularly impressed by their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and the care and respect they show towards one another. It is always encouraging to see our children demonstrating our Christian values in action and supporting each other to flourish.

As a school, we remain committed to our ongoing journey of improvement. We have high aspirations for every pupil and are continually striving to ensure that children receive the very best education, opportunities and support. Our ambition is for every child to leave Stogursey Primary School with the knowledge, skills, confidence and character they need to flourish academically, personally and spiritually. Through strong partnerships with families, our church and the wider community, we are dedicated to helping every pupil achieve their full potential and develop a lifelong love of learning.

The Autumn Term promises to be both busy and exciting. Alongside our engaging curriculum, pupils will enjoy a wide range of enrichment opportunities, including cycling proficiency training, Harvest Festival celebrations, a visit to the McMillan Theatre pantomime, Hedgehog Class

Nativity, and our Christmas Carol Service. These experiences help to create lasting memories, strengthen our sense of community and enrich the children's education beyond the classroom.

As we journey through this new school year together, we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with families, the church and the wider community, helping every child to grow in grace, knowledge and confidence. We are excited about the year ahead and all that our children will achieve.

If you are considering schools for your child, whether for an immediate place or to start Reception in September 2027, we would be delighted to welcome you to Stogursey CofE Primary School. We warmly invite prospective parents to visit the school, meet our staff and see our learning community in action. Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment and discover how we are supporting every child to flourish and achieve their very best.

Best wishes,
Rachel Rood, Headteacher



Please send contributions for publication to: stogurseyparishnews@gmail.com

“Reading is a priority. Leaders promote story time well, and children enjoy listening to and retelling a wide range of stories.” Ofsted 2026



COME AND VISIT US THIS AUTUMN!

Growing in the Grace and Knowledge

Choosing the right primary school is an important decision, and we would be delighted to show you around. Visit during the school day, see learning in action, meet our staff and pupils, and get a feel for our friendly school community.

To arrange a tour, please contact the school office. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday 21st October

Wednesday 4th November

Wednesday 18th November: The Blackdown Hillbillies

Wednesday 2nd December

Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Celebrations

FORGET-ME-NOT NEWS

- Plans are well under way for our Christmas Party on December 16th in the Jubilee Rooms.
- Helen is selling her hand-painted greetings cards to raise money for Alzheimer's UK. £50 has been raised this year so far.
- All are welcome from the surrounding villages.
- We need volunteers please – making teas and coffees, clearing up, or chatting to people - no experience necessary. Why not pop in, have a cuppa, and say hello one Wednesday?

FORGET-ME-NOT CAFÉS provide support, companionship and a warm welcome to those who are recognising issues with their memory, as well as their family, friends or carers, in a relaxed and informal environment.

We enjoy different activities including music, singing, poetry, bingo or just chatting over a coffee.

For more information please contact:

Helen: 07891 547982 cuttelhelen@gmail.com

Rose: 07507 374234 rosechalk@icloud.com

Solution to Crossword No. 76 - September 2026

ACROSS:

1.Exclaim, 5.Rifle, 8.Forbodes, 9.Orb, 10.Never,
12.Tresses, 13.Extraordinary, 15.Primula, 17.Annul,
19.Roi, 20.Beethoven, 22.Ruder, 23.Nielsen

DOWN:

1.Elfin, 2.Cur, 3.Alberta, 4.Mediterranean, 5.Rasse,
6.Frogspawn, 7.Embassy, 11.Vitrified, 13.Emperor,
14.Ivanhoe, 16.Umber, 18.Linen, 21.Vis

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A love/hate relationship with the song 'Wagon Wheel'

It all started with The Strummers - our 'ukes' in our hands.

A favourite tune for us and such bands.

Now 'The Shanty Crew' too has adopted that song,

So my 'favourite' earworm just rolls on and on.

Those wheels just keep turning around in my head

As I lie, waking up in my warm cosy bed.

By the time I sit down to write something up,

First lines have drained faster than the tea in my cup.

So I stare at the window, look out on our world;
Hope new inspiration will soon be unfurled.

Outside all is quiet - quite unnaturally so;

No rumbling of tractors, trailers, huge wheels on the go!

Now the earworms have gone, at least just for now.

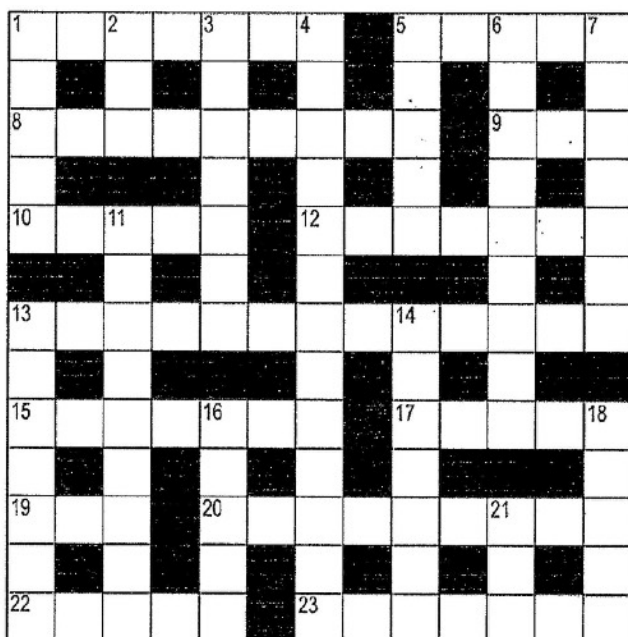
I would like to stop them, but I don't know how.
He's got so much to answer for - that guy called Bob Dylan;

Nobel prize winning talent - he's earned every million!

by Jan Ford

Crossword No. 77

Compiled by Helen Cuttall



CLUES ACROSS

1. Making lacework by knotting or looping (7)
5. Landlocked country in the Himalayas (5)
8. Seize the Day (5,4)
9. Nightmare street (3)
10. Host to the 2014 Winter Olympics (5)
12. Egg laying mammal (7)
13. Piece of furniture for document storage 6,7)
15. Large North American reindeer (7)
17. Popular fitness program with dance moves (5)
19. Dispirited (3)
20. Word for word (9)
22. Imitation (5)
23. People who walk unsteadily as if about to fall (7)

CLUES DOWN

1. Blood sucking arachnids (5)
2. Asphalt (3)
3. Of Spain and Portugal (7)
4. Instrument for detecting the presence of radiation (6,7)
5. Dragonfly larva (5)
6. Assumed name (9)
7. Reprimand severely (7)
11. English poet (9)
13. Garden plant with pendant like blooms (7)
14. Outlandish (7)
16. Mild and pleasant (5)
18. Bottomless chasm (5)
21. Golfer, Trevino (3)



Stogursey Lunches

Jubilee Rooms

TUESDAYS

(except first Tuesday of the month)

Doors open at 12 noon,

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Book a table and come with friends and enjoy a freshly-cooked meal followed by a cup of tea or coffee.

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OCTOBER MENUS

Tuesday 13 October

Meatloaf with mushroom sauce, served with
baked potato and vegetables
OR

Butterbean and vegetable stew, served with baked potato

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French apple cake, served with a dollop of whipped cream

Tuesday 20 October

Mild chicken curry, served with rice,
cucumber and yogurt raita and mango chutney.
OR

Mild chickpea and vegetable curry, served with rice, cucumber
and yogurt raita and mango chutney

* * * * *

Indian ice cream (Kulfi).

Tuesday 27 October

Cottage pie with vegetables

OR

Herby mushroom and kidney bean stew,
with mashed potatoes and vegetables

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Lemon tart

October 2026

Pluggedin Parish News

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C

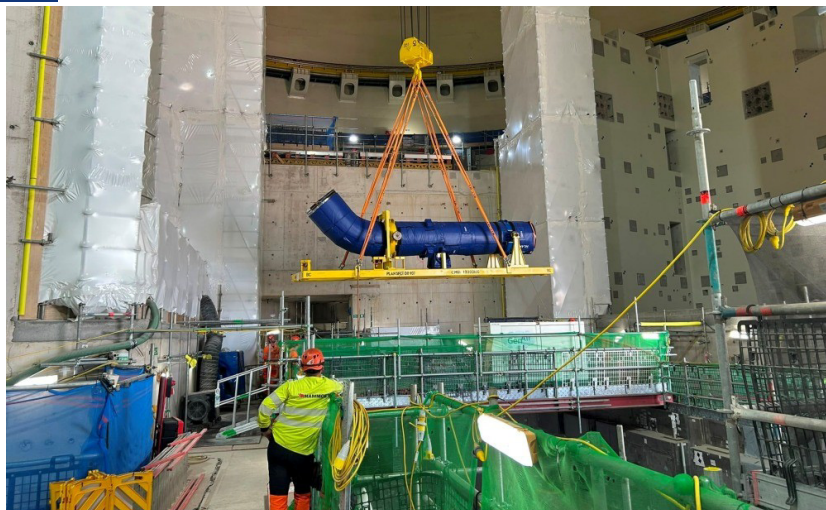


Unit 2 Reactor Building Progress

Work in Unit 2's Reactor Building has reached an important stage, with welding now set to begin on the Primary Circuit following the successful installation of the main coolant line pipework.

The Primary Circuit is the heart of the reactor's cooling system. It consists of the Reactor Pressure Vessel, four Steam Generators, four Main Coolant Pumps, and a network of large pipes that safely circulate coolant throughout the reactor.

Preparations for the next phase are already underway. The Steam Generators are scheduled to start arriving later this year, while teams continue applying protective coatings to the bunkers that will house these critical components.



This latest achievement represents another significant step forward for Unit 2 and reflects the continued progress being made at Hinkley Point C.



Application and CV Writing Workshop | Wed 7th Oct 2026 | 18:00 - 19:00 | Online

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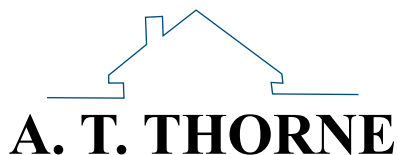
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Meetings: held monthly in the Victory Hall, Stogursey
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7.30pm Councillors' meeting starts - parishioners
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Chris Ford and Sue Goss

Dates of next Community Forum Meeting:

17 September 2026 - 6.00pm, Victory Hall Stogursey

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